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Title: ANIMAL COVER HAVING A TEMPERATURE ALTERING DEVICE

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

This document is an Information Disclosure Statement to the above-identified patent application and filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(2). Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

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It is respectfully requested that the listing of documents in the attached forms be fully considered during the prosecution of this application by the Patent and Trademark Office, and represented on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide copies of the attached forms, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, to be returned with the next communication pursuant to §609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP).

The order of the documents listed in the attached forms is completely fortuitous and is to be accorded no particular import. Additionally, the documents are not necessarily analogous art. A copy of each article document listed in the attached forms is enclosed.

In accordance with C.F.R. § 1.98(a), provided herein are concise explanations of the relevance of the documents listed in the attached forms that are not in the English language.

JP 100113088 (TADAUCHI et al) provides a head harness for cooling the head of a horse by cooling the front head part of the horse using removable cool packs.

DE 20021260 U1 (UHR) provides a horse blanket with pockets containing heating pads and placed on the back of a horse to protect the horse from cold weather.

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DE 20204836U1 (OREILLY) provides a dog coat, made of two layers, that comprises pockets for accommodation hot and cold gel packs to protect against cold and hot weather.

CH 00214974 (GAMBETTA) provides a horse bandage with separate hot and cold portions for racehorses.

DE 10213615 (O'REILLY) provides a garment equipped with heat or cold retaining material that is incorporated within the garment layers and that can cover the body of an animal.

DE 4140507 A1 (SHULTE) provides an electrically-heated horse blanket using a heating element sandwiched between an inner and an outer layer of the blanket and connected to an external battery.

It is believed that the submission of this document complies with the requirements as set forth under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and § 707.05(b) of the MPEP. If any issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at (858) 450-0099 so that any discrepancy may be fully addressed.

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Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

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		GB 2135572 A	10-23-2002	WILSON		
		DE 20204836 U1	08-14-2002	O'REILLY		
		CH00214974	09-29-1978	GAMBETTA		
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